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Alamo armed for Texas Independence Day

Alamo replica "18-pounder" cannon arrives Friday for weekend events

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AUSTIN — A replica of the 18-pound cannon William Barret Travis answered Santa Anna's demand for surrender with makes a defiant return to the Alamo Friday in celebration of Texas Independence Day and the 176th anniversary of the Battle of the Alamo.

"This cannon is the very symbol of the Texians' defiance to tyranny and I am thrilled to see its replica at the Shrine of Texas Liberty for the celebrations Friday," said Texas Land Commissioner Jerry Patterson. "The 18-pound cannon was the biggest one west of the Mississippi in 1836 and was one of the reasons Santa Anna had set his mind on taking the Alamo."

Eugene Robinson, an antique armorer who consulted for the 2004 Touchstone Pictures film, and Dale Kohler, who worked as an extra in the film, will wheel the replica onto the Alamo Plaza at 10:30 a.m. Friday and will be available to speak to the media about the cannon and its importance to Texas history. The cannon will remain in front of the Alamo shrine all weekend for the observance of the 176th anniversary of the historic March 6th battle.

The replica cannon was one of the few props to be salvaged from the 2011 fire that destroyed "The Alamo" movie set at Milton Reimers ranch. The \$10 million set was the biggest in North America at the time and was used for the 2004 Touchstone film.

The original cannons captured at the Alamo were 'spiked' by the Mexican army, rendering them useless to the Texians. Several were found in the late 1900s when Alamo Plaza was developed.

WHO: Eugene Robinson, antique armorer and "The Alamo" film consultant, and Dale Kohler, an extra in the 2004 film, "The Alamo"

WHAT: Replica of 18-pound cannon used at the Alamo

WHEN: 10:30 a.m., Friday, March 2

WHERE: The Alamo, 300 Alamo Plaza, San Antonio, TX 78205

WHY: To celebrate Texas Independence Day

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